

September 15, 2020

The City Council of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, met this day in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Honorable Mayor Ron Shaver called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Present: Honorable Mayor Ron Shaver
Councilmember Clint Anderson
Councilmember Lyn Deal (via computer link)
Councilmember Allison Howe
Councilmember Kevin Lindell (via computer link)
Councilmember Doug Schossow
Councilmember Brian Urdiales

The meeting was also attended by City Manager Steve Glammeyer, City Treasurer Jean Kinney, Interim Police Chief Jared Crone, City Attorney Geoff Wilson, Economic Development Specialist Sarah Crosthwaite, Community Services Director Ty Hamer, Water Resources/Utilities/Interim Public Works Director Brent Nation, FMPD Commander Loren Sharp, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Susan Kurk, Recreation Superintendent Steve Samson, Fire Marshal John Zink and Deputy City Manager/City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

BIDS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EVIDENCE BUILDING PROJECT

FMPD Commander Loren Sharp said the department had outgrown its current evidence room and had budgeted \$80,000 to construct an addition to an existing detached garage to house evidence. Three bids were received and Sharp recommended accepting the lowest, which was from a local company, along with options such as concrete work.

Councilmember Allison Howe offered a resolution to accept the bid from Keefe Construction Services of Wiggins in the amount of \$41,559 plus options, with total expenditures not to exceed \$80,000. That resolution was seconded by Councilmember Doug Schossow and approved unanimously.

BIDS FOR DEMOLITION OF ABANDONED BUILDINGS ON CITY-PURCHASED PROPERTY

Water Resources/Utilities/Interim Public Works Director Brent Nation said the city had inherited some dilapidated buildings when it purchased the Fiebig property and was now ready to remove them for possible future development of the land. Nine bids at a wide range of prices were received, and Nation said that after checking references he was recommending acceptance of the lowest bid.

Howe offered a resolution to accept the bid from All Star Environmental in the amount of \$72,850, with total expenditure not exceed \$75,000, which was seconded by Councilmember Clint Anderson and approved unanimously.

BIDS FOR ROOF REPAIRS ON CITY COMPLEX BUILDINGS

Nation said it had been about 15 years since the metal roofs on buildings at the City Complex had been painted, and it was time to coat the roofs with a protective substance to prevent leaks and deterioration. He said bids were requested for both aluminum and acrylic coatings, and when it was learned that acrylic treatment was better and would probably fit within the budgeted amount it was decided to go that route.

Schossow offered a resolution to accept the bid from Weathercraft Roofing of Brush in an amount not to exceed \$165,000 for the City Complex roof repairs. That resolution was seconded by Councilmember Brian Urdiales and approved unanimously.

BIDS FOR FINANCIAL AUDITING SERVICES

City Treasurer Jean Kinney said she had reissued the request for proposals for this service after the council expressed a preference for finding a new auditing firm after eight years with the previous one. Three bids were received and Kinney said the review committee had determined that the best fit for Fort Morgan was Haynie & Company.

Howe offered a resolution to accept the proposal from Haynie and Company for financial auditing services for 2020 with an option to renew for two additional years. That resolution was seconded by Urdiales and approved unanimously.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Mayor Shaver outlined the format to be followed during the public hearing, and Deputy City Manager/City Clerk/PIO John Brennan confirmed that proper legal notice of the hearing had been published. Economic Development Specialist Sarah Crosthwaite said the ordinance remained unchanged since first reading and was recommended by the Historic Preservation Board, and would make minor changes to the code to conform with the requirements of becoming a Certified Local Government.

Shaver questioned one section of the ordinance which seemed to require the board to elect officers at each required quarterly meeting, and the council consensus was to remove the words “to elect officers” from this section.

No public comments were received either during the hearing or in advance, and no council comments were offered. Anderson made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Howe and approved unanimously.

City Attorney Geoff Wilson advised the council of its options for action, and Howe offered a resolution to approve, as amended, the second reading of Ordinance No. 1246, an Ordinance amending Section 2-9-10, Historic Preservation Board Established, of the Fort Morgan Municipal Code and authorization to publish by title only. That resolution was seconded by Councilmember Lyn Deal and approved unanimously. Brennan noted that because the ordinance had been amended on second reading it would be published in full again rather than by title only.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY’S APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT DESIGNATION

Crosthwaite said this was another step in the process of Fort Morgan becoming a Certified Local Government, and would authorize the mayor to sign the city’s application. Howe offered a resolution to approve the Resolution approving the city’s application for designation as a Certified Local Government and authorizing the mayor’s signature on the local government certification agreement. That resolution was seconded by Anderson and approved unanimously.

QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING DEPT.

Crosthwaite reviewed a PowerPoint presentation outlining the areas of focus and accomplishments of the department in 2020, which included extensive work assisting local business impacted by the economic downturn resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Several council members complimented Crosthwaite for her work and City Manager Steve Glammeyer

noted how much work and time she had put into the business assistance grant programs the city had developed. No action was taken.

DISCUSSION OF PREFERRED USES FOR PROPERTY NORTH OF THE CENTREPOINTE SQUARE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Glammeyer reminded the council that this subject had initially been raised during a council meeting in late July, and staff was bringing it back for discussion when all council members were present. He said interest had been expressed by developers in doing additional housing on the 11 acres immediately north of the CentrePointe Square apartment development, but there was also some commercial development taking place nearby and staff was seeking direction on how to proceed in responding to proposals for different types of development in this area.

Council and staff discussion followed, touching on concerns about consistent development in the area, proposals made so far and their potential impacts.

Council direction was that it was not opposed to residential or commercial development on this parcel, but staff should proceed cautiously with careful planning to make sure development in the area was appropriate and blended well together. No formal action was taken.

2021 BUDGET CALENDAR – REMAINING GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS, MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS AND SCHEDULE OF FEES

Crosthwaite, Community Services Director Ty Hamer, Recreation Superintendent Steve Samson, Interim Police Chief Jared Crone, Glammeyer and Brennan reviewed the proposed budgets for the Economic Development & Marketing, Recreation and Community Services departments, the Police Forfeiture, Fiber Network and Riverview Commons GID funds and the city schedule of fees. The presentations highlighted changes in the budgets and staff answered council questions, but no formal action was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA BY RESOLUTION

Brennan presented the Consent Agenda for Council consideration as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the disbursements and payroll for August
- B. Approval of the minutes of the Sept. 1, 2020 City Council regular meeting

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine business by the Council and will be enacted with a single motion and a single vote by roll call. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is deemed necessary, that item should be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

Howe offered a resolution to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which was seconded by Anderson and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Schossow said that after Councilmember Kevin Lindell had mentioned blue porch lights as a way to express support for police at the last council meeting, his block had a number of the lights and he appreciated that display. He said he'd like to see businesses along the Interstate 76 also participate.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Glammeyer thanked the community for coming out the previous weekend for an event to decorate structural beams for the new fieldhouse. Children put paint handprints on the beam and the turnout was great, he said.

Councilmember Howe announced that she had accepted a new job in Montrose and she was resigning, with this being her last council meeting. She said it had been an honor to serve and take part in the important work of the council, and several council members thanked her for her service and wished her well.

Mayor Shaver then said he had discussed with staff the possibility of moving the public comment section of the agenda up to the beginning of meetings, and asked for council's thoughts on that change. There was general agreement that this was a good idea and Brennan said he would make the change for the next council meeting.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brennan announced current bids and upcoming meetings.

Mayor Shaver adjourned the Sept. 15, 2020 regular meeting at 8:09 p.m.

/s/ Ronald Shaver
Mayor

/s/ John Brennan
City Clerk